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MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY ANNOUNCES
CHINA-WIDE PURGE OF PUBLIC SECURITY SYSTEM

A top-level CCP official, in admitting the presence of "corruption" and "bureaucracy" in China's public security bureaus, presaged a nationwide purge in these police organs. On 22 December 1951, Lo Jui-ch'ing addressed a party cadre meeting of the Peiping Municipal Public Security Bureau, Ministry of Public Security, Central People's Government. A complete report of this address appeared prominently in the Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao on 31 December 1951.

Lo pointed out that even among those public security officers who have already "basically reformed" and become "real revolutionary public security officers," there are still some grafters and bureaucrats remaining. He said that these persons must be expunged from the public security apparatus. He called upon all public security bureaus in China to purge such men, "especially those who are big grafters," and "especially in the large and intermediate size cities."

The pertinent passages of the report are as follows:

"One of the basic causes of the appearance of corruption and bureaucracy in the public security apparatus... is the presence in our apparatus -- especially in the public security bureaus of large and intermediate size cities -- of large numbers of functionaries and police personnel from the former KMT police system. These persons, deeply tainted with the evil practices and style of work of the former ruling class, have brought into our circles the decadence of the enemy class, impairing, in the political sphere, the health and purity of our people's public security machinery... There are some public security personnel who, being already basically reformed, have turned into real revolutionary public security officers. But even among these there are some... who have become so corrupt that rescue from the pit of decadence is no longer feasible."

In the last paragraph of the report, Minister Lo says:

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"We cannot permit such degenerated officers to exist in our public security apparatus...We must purge the corrupt elements, especially the big grafters, from the public security bureaus throughout China."

The "big grafters" referred to above appear to be public security officers who have accepted bribes from the "bourgeoisie." According to the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 10 January 1952, on 9 January 1952, Po I-po, addressing a top-level CCP cadre meeting in Peiping, revealed that Sung Kuei-te and Liu Yu-tse, director and deputy director, respectively, of the Administrative Office, Ministry of Public Security, had been arrested on charges of graft and accepting bribes.

Subsequently, it was pointed out in the 17 January 1952 issue of the same Peiping newspaper that "over 80 percent of the personnel in the Administrative Office of the Ministry of Public Security have thus been corrupted by them."

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